

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Anchorage Field Office  
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM**

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CX No.: AK-040-04-CX-006

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AA-5898

Proposed Action Title/Types: The Proposed Action is to partially revoke Public Land Order (PLO 5074) and to restore 4.56 acres.

Location of Proposed Action: Lot 5, U.S. Survey No. 10050, further described to be within Section 8, T. 12 N., R. 5 W., Seward Meridian.

Description of Proposed Action:

The Proposed Action is to partially revoke PLO 5074 and to restore 4.56 acres of land to the public domain. The current withdrawal site is located on Fire Island, six miles west of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, Anchorage, Alaska. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requested partial revocation of this withdrawal because the land is no longer needed for the purposes for which it was withdrawn. The lands had been used by the FAA as the housing site for the former Air Navigation Station on Fire Island. The former housing site consisted of two apartment style housing units, a small electrically operated building, a water tank and three transformer enclosures. The entire compound has been demolished. In addition to the cleanup, the FAA has recently submitted a final cleanup report to BLM, a Phase I Environmental Due Diligence audit. Cook Inlet Regional Inc. (CIRI) submitted a regional selection application, AA-41952, which encompasses the entire withdrawal area. Partial revocation of PLO 5074 will allow the BLM to convey 4.56 acres of the selected area to CIRI.

Applicant: Federal Aviation Administration

**PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW**

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This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Southcentral Planning Area Management Framework Plan (MFP).

Date Plan Approved: March 1980

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks:

**PART II - NEPA REVIEW**

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A. Categorical Exclusion Review.

This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 2, Appendix 1. or 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. E (2) *Withdrawal revocations, terminations, extensions or modifications and classification terminations or modifications which do not result in lands being opened or closed to the general land laws or to the mining or mineral leasing laws.*

B. Departmental Exceptions Review.

The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions. Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents **MUST BE PREPARED** for actions which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- |   | YES | NO       |
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| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.   | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects.   | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.  | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.   | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects.  | ___ | <u>X</u> |
| 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.   | ___ | <u>X</u> |

YES NO

8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.        X
9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.        X
10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.        X

I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): /s/ Kathy Stubbs Date: 11-26-03

### PART III - DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Remarks:

Authorized Official: /s/ Clinton E. Hanson, Acting Date: 11-28-03